



**The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) and
the South African Journal of Science invite you to a webinar entitled
How do we know if and when science makes a difference?**

Authors of research published in the *South African Journal of Science*, ASSAf's flagship journal, discuss how research in their respective fields makes a difference to society.

Date: 4 August 2021
Time: 11:00 – 12:00
Venue: Zoom
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Join these experts to learn how their research makes a difference in our lives.

Panellists			Programme Director
Prof. Jennifer Fitchett School of Geography, Archaeology and Environmental Studies, Wits University	Dr Mwazvita Dalu Department of Geography, University of South Africa and Open University, UK	Dr Ernest Dube School of Natural Resource Management, Nelson Mandela University	Prof. Leslie Swartz Editor-in-Chief: SAJS
			
Jennifer Fitchett is an Associate Professor of Physical Geography at the University of the Witwatersrand. Her research is situated within the subdiscipline of biometeorology, exploring the impact of climate change on plants, animals and human communities. She serves as the African Councillor on the International Society of Biometeorology, the President-Elect of the Society of South African Geographers, and the editor of the SAYAS Blog. She also serves on the editorial boards of the <i>International Journal of Biometeorology</i> and the <i>South African Journal of Science</i> .	Mwazvita Dalu is an NRF Innovation Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Unisa and a Research Associate with the Open University, UK. She is an environmental scientist with a passion for sustainable development. Her work focuses on how individuals and households respond to changes in the physical environment, and how their responses are shaped by external policies, markets and other constraints. She has extensive knowledge and experience in conducting both qualitative and quantitative research within southern Africa.	Ernest Dube is an agronomy research scientist who has over 15 years' experience in agricultural research. He is a renowned expert on conservation agriculture, and a champion of sustainable farming. Currently, he is a Senior Lecturer in Agriculture at the Nelson Mandela University, Research Associate for the Agricultural Research Council-Small Grain Institute and adjunct assistant professor for the University of Arkansas, USA. From 2015 to 2018, he served as a council member of the South African Society of Crop Production. His current research focus is soil carbon sequestration and nutrient cycling, sustainable agriculture and wheat agronomy. He has written over 20 scientific publications and several articles for popular media such as <i>Farmer's Weekly</i> , <i>The Water Wheel</i> , <i>SA Grain</i> and <i>Wheat Focus</i> .	Leslie Swartz is a Professor of Psychology at Stellenbosch University and Editor-in-Chief of the <i>South African Journal of Science</i> . His research focuses on disability rights and mental health issues in southern Africa. He has a particular interest in developing academic writing skills and increasing access to academic publishing.



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